

Sinclair's decision to air "Stolen Honor" amounts to a huge free campaign gift to President Bush. Considering Sinclair managements history of political activism, it is clearly a betrayal of the public trust for them to claim that this program is "news". The Media has a special role and obligation in our democracy to inform the people so that we may make an informed decision. Of course management is entitled to their editorial position, which the executives of Sinclair express often, but to label a free partisan attack advertisement as news is clearly a illegal campaign contribution and should be stopped.

I Live in western Massachusetts. It is rediculous to think that, left to their own devices, my local Sinclair owned station WGGB would preempt prime time programming to run a hour long commercial free attack add against John Kerry. It would bee like a TV station in central Texas putting a Michel Moore film in prime time, for free, and calling it news.

Never has there been a clearer case of the dangers to our democracy presented by consolidated corporate ownership of our media, It is time to strengthen our media ownership rules.